Dear Paul,

8/17/82

Sorry not to have been able to respond to your 8/2 sooner. Been busy on FOIA affidavits. Took today to catch up on accumulated letters.

Thanks for the Howie Davis records, before and after. I've known for some time that he was an informer butI don't know when it began.

Re Comer ~~XXXX~~ Clark: if you knew the Enquirer mind as I do, you'd be quite willing to assume that if he didn't cook it up, which I believe is probable, they did. It is a natural and what is attributed to Castro, which I'm sure is dependable but out of content, is exactly what they'd have liked. I am sure it is no more than that and the rest of the Clark story is entirely unlikely, which indicates that he did make it up.

I've not heard from or about Sylvia in a very long time. In fact I never hear from her. Once in a great while I hear from Roger or Jerry, but again, not in a long time. Jerry phoned me once after returning to NYC from Boston. If you hear any more, I'd like to know.

I got the Bantam book, thanks. After reading it I can see why it could not make a successful movie. I thought they were working on a TV documentary. I've also heard that Taft closed that unit down, but not a dependable source, my recollection tells me.

Those kinds of books may make a few people feel pleasantly puffed up but they do no good and by and large, are harmful. All in all, they and many others like them have thoroughly confused everybody and everything and have come close to destroying what little credibility remained. The theorists, no matter how well motivated, have been a curse. I haven't seen the one I can't demolish. But it apparently is the one thing that can be sold.

thanks and best wishes,